



2613
H12B
P.2.
P/16-253 9-30-03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Mitsunobu Ono et al. Date: September 11, 2003
Serial No.: 09/496,983 Group Art Unit: 2613
Filed: February 2, 2000 Examiner: S.S. An
For: ENDOSCOPE APPARATUS

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

SEP 17 2003

Technology Center 2600

AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

| NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA PRESENT | RATE | ADDIT. FEE |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| TOTAL 13 MINUS 20 | * = 0 | X | (\$9 SE or \$18) | \$0 |
| INDEP. 1 MINUS 3 | ** = 3 | X | (\$42 SE or \$84) | \$0 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | X | (\$140 SE or \$280) | \$0 |

* not less than 20 ** not less than 3

TOTAL \$

If any additional payment is required, a check which includes the calculated fee of \$ _____
(OFGS Check No. _____) is attached.

In the event the actual fee is greater than the payment submitted or is inadvertently not enclosed or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the underpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.